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MET THE MARK

Even though last year the Nodaway County United Way had doubts about raising their \$90,000 fall campaign goal, the agency has almost raised the money.

The total to date is \$88,207, which will go toward helping 16 county social service agencies. Check out next week's Missourian for a full story on their accomplishment and the scheduled appreciation banquet.

THURSDAY

Last day to receive 50 percent refund for first-block drop or withdrawal.

Last date to place first-block course on pass/fail or audit.

FRIDAY

Mandatory meeting for all fall 2007 student teachers, 3:30 p.m., Union Boardroom.

SATURDAY

Missouri Academy Preview Day. Four-State Honor Music Festival.

Women's and men's basketball at Central, Warrensburg

MONDAY

Sigma Alpha spring recruitment

Intramural dodgeball begins, 6:30 p.m. Student Rec Center

WEDNESDAY

Intramural 5-on-5 basketball entries close and meeting, 4 p.m.

Women's and men's basketball at Emporia, Kan.

HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at HeartlandView.com

KNWT CHANNEL 8 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday
7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update

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Visit the web for:

The final results of the Bearcat Idol competition, who you picked to win online and who actually took home the title of Bearcat Idol Thursday following the show.

- COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY V. STATE OF MISSOURI

Lawsuit targets school funding

By Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

Whether or not Missouri public school students are getting a fair shot at a quality education is the question that's come to head in Jefferson City, Mo., in the past week.

Since the lawsuit was filed in January 2004, 260 school districts have filed against the state of Missouri. The districts argue the state is not spending enough on public education and the money is unfairly distributed.

The trial officially opened Wednesday, Jan. 3, in Jefferson City. Locally, Worth County R-III, Lathrop R-II and North Platte R-I school districts are all involved with the lawsuit.

To help extinguish the lawsuit, the Missouri Legislature passed a

new funding formula in 2005 that focused on how much is spent on each student. The former attempted to compensate for the differences between rich and poor districts.

This year Missouri's budget includes about \$2.7 billion in state aid for the 524 public school districts, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Missouri's constitutional requirement on funding is the state must spend one-fourth of its revenue on education. The attorney general's office maintains the state has met the requirement according to *Associated Press* reports.

Attorney Alex Bartlett, who is leading the Missouri suit, told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* his goal was

to have the state's school funding system ruled unconstitutional.

Maryville R-II School District Superintendent Vickie Miller said the new funding formula implemented in 2005 had a minimal impact on the Maryville district.

"We qualify as a 'hold harmless' district so the new formula really doesn't affect us," Miller said. "I'm sure there are dollars of difference but for the most part there's been little change."

One of the districts involved with the suit since 2004, Worth County R-III, is currently 44 to 45 percent state funded, said Superintendent Linda Gray Smith.

"We have 369 students in our

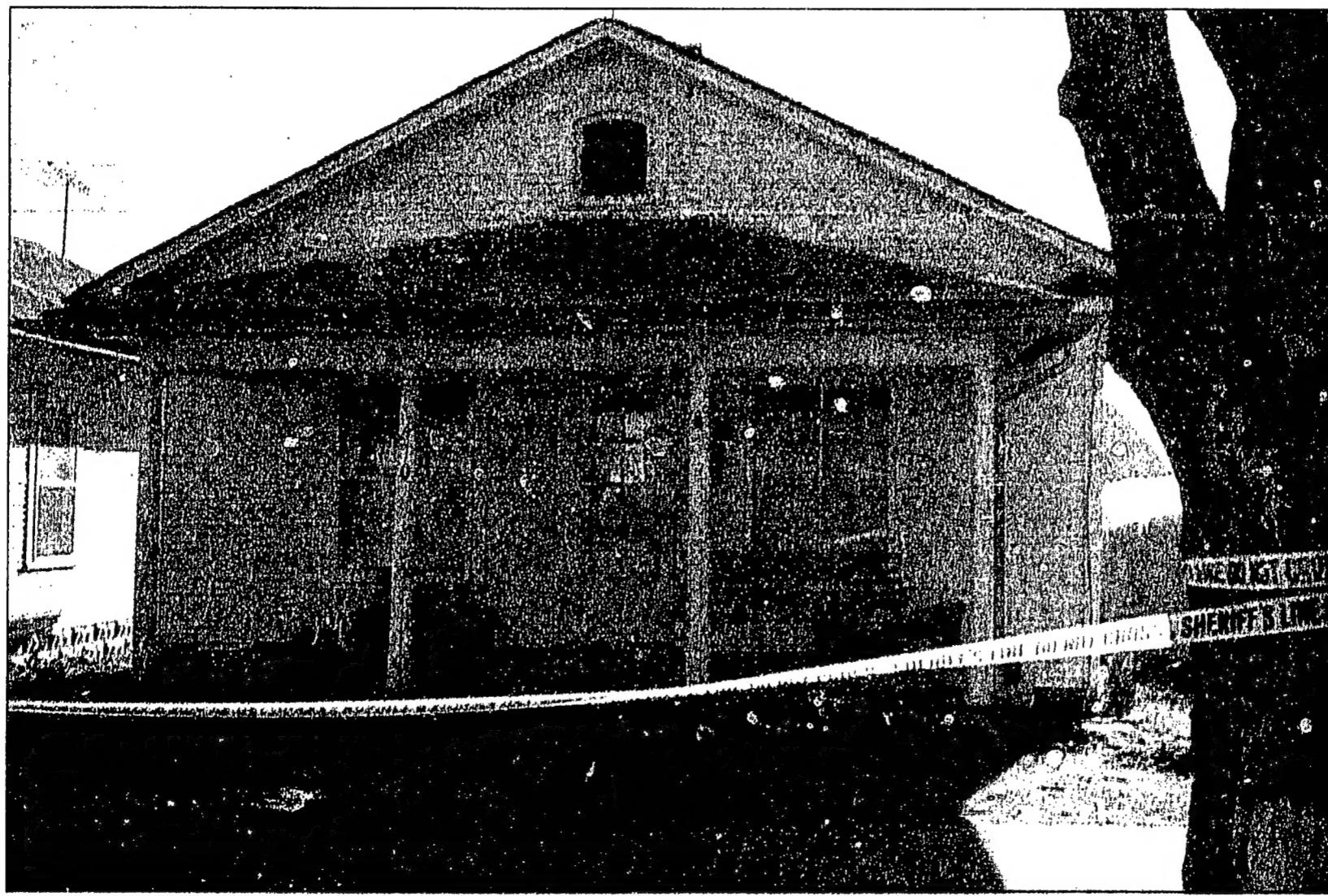
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JOE ALLEY, a teacher with the Maryville Middle School for about two years, checks his schedule while overseeing a fifth-grade keyboarding class.

- MONTGOMERY TRIAL

Faded memories?



(above) BOBBIE JO Stinnett, 23, was found dead by her mother in her Skidmore, Mo. home December 2004. After searching the Stinnett's computer, authorities found e-mail messages that led them to the residence of Lisa Montgomery in Melvern, Kan.

With the Montgomery murder trial set to begin, memories of the tragedy flood local residents

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

Two years may be enough time to regain the peaceful atmosphere of a town, or to lose some of the anger, but it hasn't caused Skidmore residents to forget the story of Bobbi Jo Stinnett and her unborn child.

Now, the story is being refreshed in the minds of residents, as the Lisa Montgomery trial date has been set for April 30.

Montgomery is being accused of enter-

ing the Stinnett residence using the name Darlene Fischer, to discuss the purchase of a dog. However, once inside, Montgomery allegedly strangled Stinnett and then proceeded to cut an eight-month-old fetus from her womb. Montgomery then headed to her hometown of Melvern, Kan., with the child, claiming it as her own.

The next day, the infant was returned to her father, Zeb Stinnett. Named Victoria Jo, she has been living with her

see MONTGOMERY on A6



Lisa Montgomery



photo courtesy mcl campus

- POLITICS

Hubbard heads education proposal

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

Out of 90 percent of high school students who show a desire to go to college, 41 percent will never receive a two or four year degree.

After reading this statistic and others in the "From High School To College" book, Northwest President Dean Hubbard found inspiration for a model to help prepare high school

students for college.

Reasons for the declining numbers can be linked to K-12 students not knowing what to expect when they enter college and students assuming they don't need to prepare for success in college, according to research from the "Bridge Project", a six-year national

research project that was launched in 1997.

Vickie Miller, superintendent of Maryville R-II School District;

Max Ruhl, dean of the college of education and human services and Hubbard created the proposal based on this and previous research.

The proposal, which Hubbard titles, "Building Bridges," has several objectives. One objective is to align grades K-12 academic standards with first-year courses at Northwest.

Another objective is to work with high school freshmen and their parents to help them figure out what they need to do to get accepted into

see PROPOSAL on A6

- COMMUNITY NEWS

Aquila neglects paying taxes

Auditor finds that franchise taxes are not being paid

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Regional energy provider Aquila, Inc., has failed to pay franchise taxes to the City of Maryville for at least the last five years, according to an auditor's report.

After a review of a projection sample, Taxfinders found that Aquila did not collect franchise tax from their largest companies and did not pay that tax to the city, Ray Carter, auditor for Taxfinders, said. Ray Carter is performing the audit.

Maryville officials hired Taxfinders in March 2006 to perform an audit of all the franchise fees that the city applies to utility companies, City Manager Mike Rietz said. Ray Carter is performing the audit.

Taxfinders is a Kansas based company that focuses on utility tax reviews, reverse audits, audit defense and franchise fee audits, according to Taxfinders.com. Carter has worked at Taxfinders for over two years.

Taxfinders used a projection sample of a five-year period to perform the audit.

"One thing he (Carter) has found so far is that Aquila is collecting franchise tax on all its customers except for the industrial customers," Rietz said.

It is estimated that Aquila has failed to charge its industrial customers approximately \$687,000 over the past five years on the franchise tax, Carter said. He also said that approximately an additional \$700,000 would be charged in penalties.

Carter adds there is an additional interest that will be charged onto the taxes.

"It's hard to say how much the actual amount is because we have only taken a projection sample. Aquila has made comments to the city that they have been doing this for the past 25 to 30 years," Carter said.

Franchise tax is used to support general operations throughout the City, Rietz said. It is based on the amount of shares and surplus a company holds, according to Mis- souribusiness.net.

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Graduate programs reach Liberty

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

The Northwest Kansas City Center in Liberty, Mo., is now offering a Masters in Business Administration and an MBA with health management emphasis. Northwest has offered this program since the 1970s, but this is the first trimester that it is offered at the Liberty Center, MBA adviser and Northwest professor Mark Jelavich said.

"We initially sent out e-mails to alumni and put articles in the *(Kansas City) Star* to get people interested in the program. We have about 12 signed on for this semester," Jelavich said.

Students in this program will take two or three classes per trimester for six weeks. There will be classes on alternating Saturdays and Thursdays. Classes on Saturdays will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and classes on Thursdays will be from 6 to 10 p.m., said Becky Smith, executive secretary for the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies.

"The students will take classes in cohort groups and will take all of their classes together," Jelavich said.

An instructor will go to the center and half the work is done in class and the other half on the Web site, Jelavich said.

"The classes are done consecutively the MBA can be completed in 18 months," he said.

Students achieving an MBA with health management emphasis will take additional courses that are taught by faculty of the School of Health Management, according to Nwmissourinews.com. The School of Health Management is a division of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Liberty Center opened January 2006. At first, students went to their classes at Liberty High School. The Center eventually moved to the third and fourth floors of the Blue Jay Tower Plaza.

Northwest and the Liberty Public School District work together to provide a quality learning experience for the students, according to Nwmissourinews.com. The Liberty Center offers several graduate programs including computer science, education leadership, alternative certification and others.

Northwest's Director of Outreach Sandra Eckert-Stewart is also the Liberty Center's director.

"The second cohort starts in September with each group being in the 20-30 range," Jelavich said.

The deadline to enroll for the second session is July 1. For more information, contact Becky Smith at (660) 562-1277 or go to Nwmissourinews.com/nwkc.

YOU'RE GOING TO HOLLYWOOD



BEARCAT IDOL is coming to an end with the finale at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. All 13 contestants will have a minute and a half to perform, with performances by the Steppers and Towncrier. Check out Nwmissourinews.com Thursday night following the competition to see who won.

Center completes transition

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

By joining the two forces, she hopes to send the message that health is holistic.

"That means that being healthy involves mind, body and spirit and each impacts the other elements," Said Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services. "The mind cannot function well if the physical body is not well."

The two services have been working together for quite some time, but did not share a location. The Counseling Center was previously located in Wells Hall.

The new center will include not only the Health and the Counseling centers, but also be home to projects such as the Suicide Prevention Program, The Lighthouse Project, Peer Education and Vocational Rehabilitation. It will also offer tests

such as the PRAXIS and C-BASE, said Elizabeth Wood, director of counseling services.

Though there is a new building, and some new goals for the staff, the main idea is the same. Wood said students will still be treated with the highest care and professionalism.

"We are still in the process of settling in and streamlining procedures to ensure confidentiality, efficiency and an overall respectful experience for students," Wood said.

The Center is planning on both a ribbon cutting ceremony and an open house, neither of which are scheduled yet. However, taking care of Northwest students is the main concern, and now improved, thanks to "coordination of services to more comprehensively respond to student concerns," Wood said.

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With the start of 2007, Northwest Wellness Center staff is ready to tackle problems from New Year's Resolution obstacles, to the nasty colds that thrive in the winter.

The Counseling Center has finished its move into the building that was once Health Center. Now, the building will be called the Wellness Center, and houses both the Health Center for physical ailments, and also the Counseling Center for mental health issues.

The Wellness Center staff hopes the move will encourage students to see health as not only a physical quality, but also a mental aspect.

More students are willing to seek help for a sore throat, rather than a mental issue, according to Murr.

Leadership Development Series continues to help Northwest students

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

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The series began Jan. 16 and continues until April 17. Alley said the development for the Leadership Development Series began this school year.

"We weren't sure if we were going to have a budget to work with this year," Alley said.

After all is said and done for this year's series plans will be in the make for next year.

"This is really a trial run," Alley said. "We're seeing how things are going. This is a fluid program. We're willing to adapt to the needs of the students."

Nonetheless, improving the series is a goal.

"We're going to build it," Alley said. "We're going to see what happens and we're going to mobilize and continue to work on it."

One more session remains for the Leadership Development Series

in January. "Communication skills" will be presented by Julie Seale on Jan. 30.

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- MY VIEW

SHOULD WE STAY SHOULD WE GO?

Additional troops needed to finish what was started in Iraq



Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

Accountability.
That's what Americans must understand in response to the administration's increase of troops in Iraq. When President Bush declared war almost three years ago, America had to be held responsible for those actions, through good and bad.

During this time, however, a murderous dictator has been executed, a number of terrorists have been seized, elections have been held and the Iraqis drafted a constitution. But in spite of the good times, American deaths continually pile up and the Iraqi army's conception has been a slow process.

Bush's proposal is good for Iraq's stride towards democracy. Instead of absorbing insurgents attacks daily, the United States, joined with the Iraqi forces, can go on the offensive and stabilize the country.

This new plan has invigorated Iraqi leadership and citizens according to Amir Taheri's *New York Post* article. Taheri said Iraqis are happy the United States is not leaving and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is committed to clearing out terrorists.

However, some Americans want to leave Iraq and let them either settle their differences or become a haven for terrorists. This lack of accountability for our actions is nothing new for the United States.

Consistently since World War II, America has left countries before finishing the job. After our armed forces left Vietnam in 1973, the South Vietnamese were left to fend for themselves and suffer countless deaths as the north took over the entire nation. Although the war may not have been justified, our nation decided to pull out and let an ally suffer.

This, along with other mishaps, is rallying cries among terrorists. These murderers consistently claim America has not stomach to fight, and they want to prove that comment through

vicious attacks.

Terrorist leaders repeatedly echo a couple of those mishaps. Our troop removals in Lebanon in the early 1980s, and Somalia ("Black Hawk Down," anyone?) in the early 1990s, are two of those instances. The Lebanon conflict is strikingly similar to today's debate.

After trying to negotiate for Israel's removal from Lebanon in 1982, the United States pledged safety for the region, but an assassination escalated fighting. The United States then joined other countries and pledged to remain in the region until Lebanon's army was able to fight.

However, resentment toward America ensued and suicide bombers struck the U.S. Embassy. Despite pressure from home, America stayed and terrorists bombed a Marine barracks. The United States withdrew a few months later and Lebanon became one of the most anti-American countries in the world.

In accordance with that incident, terrorists continually attacked Americans and Hezbollah formed. Hezbollah recently attacked Israel and calls for the country's destruction.

Lebanon, teamed with Iran, are dangerous threats in the world today, and might not be if for different circumstances over 20 years ago. Iran has been said to fund terrorism in Iraq, and if we leave, then Iran may take over more land, creating more anti-American sentiment.

When Hurricane Katrina hit and his administration reacted at an almost remedial and effortless pace, I watched on television as the forgotten cried over family members who maybe didn't have to die after that horrendous storm hit.

As the country demands an exit strategy from Iraq and Bush's approval rating sinks lower than any president in history, Bush does the opposite of what everyone proposes and wants to send more than 20,000 troops into Iraq, Syria and Iran.

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Stephanie Stengl
Liftoff Columnist

Bush needs to pull troops out to save lives and end tear shed

I have shed many tears over the course of "President" George W. Bush's term in office.

I use the term president in the loosest sense possible, because no commander-in-chief would do such hooligan things.

He is no longer my president.

When the announcement came that Bush was to be elected to a second term I hit my knees. I hit my knees and cried until I couldn't cry anymore. I couldn't understand the justice in re-electing someone who, in my opinion, had never used his presidency for anything of benefit.

Many people I love and admire shed their share of tears as well. I've sat idly, yet naively, as I watched him make my high school English teacher and hero, Mike Mafin, cry when talking about what "No Child Left Behind" did to him and the rural school district I boast my education from.

I've interviewed Northwest students who wept when describing how completely alone and frightened they felt that their fathers, boyfriends and uncles were in Iraq.

I've seen the fear and tears in the eyes of soldiers about to be deployed on a mission they aren't sure they even believe in anymore.

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While I am proud of him for maybe the first and only time in his presidency when he conceded that he was to blame for the—I would say proverbial black eye, but it's more like proverbial full-body beating—War in Iraq, he again has me on the brink of tears with this rash decision to risk more family member and friends' lives.

With 3,008 dead, what's a few more?

Keith Olbermann, *Msnbc.com* anchor, summed this decision up best in his Jan. 11 commentary.

"Mr. Bush, the question is no longer 'what are you thinking?,' but rather 'are you thinking at all?'

Bush, did you give second thought when you sent in troops to find weapons of mass destruction I assume you knew very well didn't even exist? No, I presume not.

It appears rational thinking is more of an afterthought for you and your administration.

I understand we are trying to stabilize the country by helping build things such as schools and hospitals.

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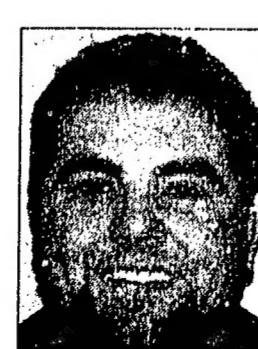
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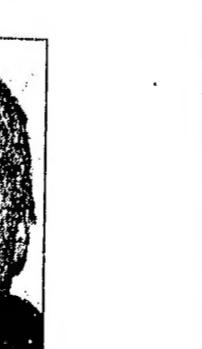


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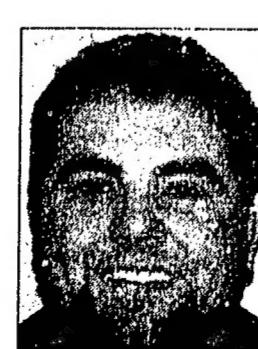
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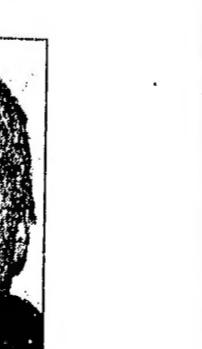


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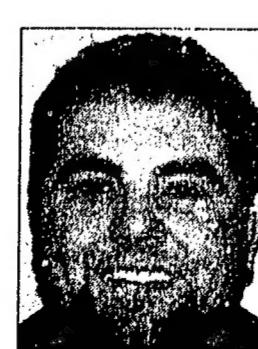
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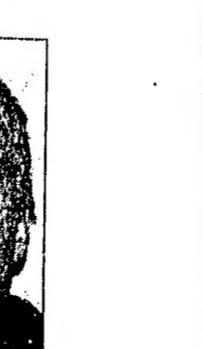


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BRIDGES: Proposal to help high schoolers

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college meeting with the students yearly.

Hubbard discussed the proposal at the beginning of the trimester to faculty and said he received a lot of positive feedback, with some faculty even offering to help with researching more data, which is one of the objectives of the proposal.

"It has unbelievable potential," Hubbard said.

Even though a recent article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* which questions whether the subject of college being repeated adds stress to high school seniors, Ruhl said the proposal would decrease the feeling of stress seniors have when deciding where to go.

On Jan. 25, Hubbard, Ruhl and Miller will go to Jefferson City and meet with state officials and two representatives of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to present the proposal and to take suggestions.

Kauffman Foundation is based in Kansas City and is the 26th largest foundation in the United States.

The foundation focuses on entrepreneurship and education. In education, they focus on improving academic achievement particularly in Kansas City schools, according to Kauffman.org.

Though the proposal will be presented to representatives from the Kauffman Foundation, Hubbard said foundation members seem interested in working with Northwest but doesn't want to bring in any other universities to the project. Hubbard has considered bringing in Lincoln University into the project.

As of press time, the proposal did not have a budget and Miller said the proposal is open to suggestions at the meeting, so they can have every aspect possible.

"We don't have it all down on paper yet," Miller said.

Despite not having everything in the proposal, Miller hopes the proposal will eventually become a pilot for other schools and universities throughout Missouri.

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go," Smith said. "We have taken significant reductions and we've gone as low as we can go and still ensure that our kids will be successful."

Smith said she hopes the lawsuit will bring about more equity in its funding, and she would also like to see districts like hers get enough to provide access to music, athletic and other programs.

"We are just looking for it to be more fair," Smith said. "It is important that students throughout the state should be able to receive a quality education regardless of where they live."

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BACK TO BOSTON



NORTHWEST ENGLISH professor Michael Hobbs runs on a treadmill during exercise this week. Hobbs recently qualified for the Boston Marathon, but won't compete this year because of his wife's pregnancy. However, he intends on competing in next year's event.

English professor finds niche with marathon competition

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

the time must be at or better than three hours and 35 minutes.

"I have to run three hours and 35 minutes, and that's exactly what I ran," Hobbs said chuckling. "I didn't really try to qualify, but when I crossed I thought it might be good enough, so I checked and it was."

Because Hobbs' wife Giulia Coniglio is pregnant, he said he won't run in this year's race. However, Hobbs said officials allow a deferral for a year, so he intends on competing next year.

How it started

An English professor at Northwest, Hobbs has seen plenty of books. However, despite reading vast volumes of books over the years, one book stands out.

Giuli bought a running book five years ago for Christmas. The book talked about running marathons and so Hobbs began to train. After training for months, Hobbs ran his first marathon in Wichita, Kan.

In order to qualify for the Boston Marathon in Hobbs' group, runners must be sure it is a certified race, and run a good enough time. In Hobbs' group, ages 50-54,

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Actual chance of winning the Boston Marathon if participants reach the size limit of 22,500.

7,790
Actual place Hobbs achieved during his first Boston Marathon stint. He finished better than half of the 17,030 participants.

2:07.14
Boston Marathon's course record. Hobbs ran the course in 3:54.30 in 2003.

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The amount of marathons Hobbs ran since starting approximately five years ago.

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Impact player

Sophomore forward having breakout season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Time was running out for Henry. His high school career was coming to a close, so he made a call to then Northwest assistant basketball coach Darren Vordebruegge and inquired about a visit. Henry had already gotten to know head coach Steve Tappmeyer and his staff.

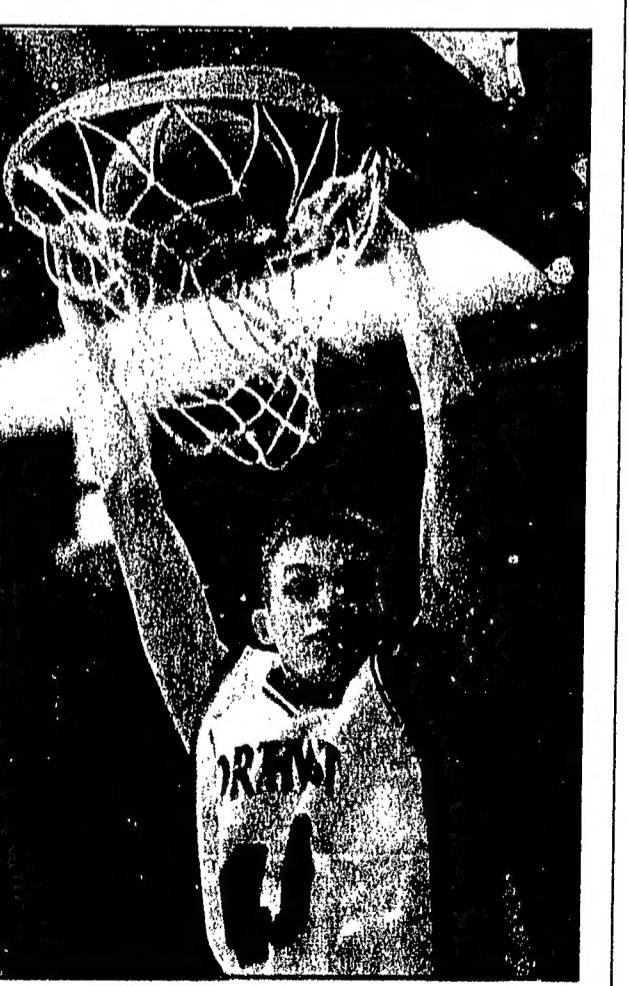
"I had been up for team camps in the summer, my junior and senior year, so I had talked to the coaches when I came up for those," Henry said.

Tappmeyer said Henry's weight did concern him at first, but his skills and long arms have made him a good fit.

"You always hear people say, 'Boy, if you put 30 pounds on him,' and I'm not sure if he is the kind of guy that is going to do that," Tappmeyer said. "What makes him unique is a lot of guys who have long arms don't necessarily have great hands and he's got great hands. A lot of the stuff we liked about him has come true."

Henry, now at 190, is enjoying a breakout season. He is the only MIAA player that ranks in the Top 10 in three categories averaging 17.5 points (3).

"That was the big concern. They had concerns



AFTER AVERAGING 5.9 points per game last season, sophomore Hunter Honny is averaging 17.5 points for the 'Cats this season.

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-MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

'Hounds hold own against No. 2 team

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boy's basketball team proved they can play with the No. 1 team in class 2.

At least for one half.

Down by only three points at halftime, the Spookhounds couldn't hold on to Mid-Buchanan in the second half Tuesday, dropping the contest 74-54.

"I thought even though we lost by 20, I mean my gosh, we're not even rated and you lose to someone who leads the state by 20, that's pretty good actually," coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

A well-executed press break helped Maryville stay ahead of the Dragons by as much as 10 in the second quarter. The play of Mid-Buchanan's post players, senior twins Luke and Jesse Engelken, ended up being too much for the Hounds.

Hot shooting from the 'Hounds also helped in the first half, but was shut down by a stifling Dragon defense in the second.

Maryville senior John Hart, a 6-4 post player, said playing against the 6-7 and 6-5 opposition was not an easy job.

"It was kind of push and shove with them," Hart said.

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men to take on MIAA's 'cream of the crop'

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Starting Saturday, the Northwest men's basketball will begin a two-game road trip that will pit them against the top two teams in the MIAA.

"All MIAA teams are good, but we're really getting to the cream of the crop and we think it's really going to be a measuring bar to see how we compare to everybody else in the league," sophomore forward Hunter Henry said.

"Up first is No. 3 Central Missouri. Last season, Northwest lost both games to the Mules in overtime. This season, Central is third in scoring offense and second in scoring defense—trailing only Northwest. Central has four out of five starters that average more than 10 points per game with the fifth starter at 9.2 points per game."

Through Wednesday, Central and No. 7 Emporia State, Northwest's opponent next Wednesday, are the only undefeated teams left in the conference. Central and Emporia were scheduled to play last Saturday but

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-NW CHEERLEADERS

Cheerleaders finish 6th at competition

The Northwest cheerleading squad received sixth place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association 2007 College Cheerleading and Dance Team Championship over the weekend.

The competition was held Jan. 14-15 at the Disney's Worldwide Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

Placing first among all MIAA schools competing, the squad received a perfect score in the crowd category. Judging was based from a video submitted by the team from a Bearcat football game earlier this season.

The University of West Georgia won its sixth consecutive UCA Division II Coed title, and MIAA opponent Pittsburg State finished in seventh place.

-NW TRACK

Track gears up for ISU

Adio ties high jump record

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

Bailey Adio continues reaching his goals. After a high jump, Adio tallied a 6-11 high jump at the Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., good enough to tie the school's indoor record.

Adio finished second behind Dusty Jonas' 7-1 jump.

"I'm not quite where I want to be," Adio said. "I usually set a higher goal each meet, and now I want to break the school record."

"There's always higher goals, so I will continue to push myself."

Adio and his high jumping teammates fared well at the meet as all four set personal bests. Jacob Dupin placed second in the unseeded high jump with a jump of 6-6 3/4.

Patrick Shaw and Lee Murdoch also set personal bests for the Bearcats in the one-mile run.

Eric Iley placed third in the 800, but finished one second behind the leader. Graduate Assistant Mickey Kaufman said Iley's slow start hurt.

"Iley got boxed in at the beginning, so the race didn't go quite as well as he would have liked," Kaufman said. "He knows he can run faster and if he would have gotten out quicker, he probably would have won."

Courtland Ingram added a third-place finish in the pole vault, while Cliff McIntosh finished fourth. Brandon Schoen added a third-place finish in the shot put and Matt Pohren ran 15:19.79 in the 5,000, good enough for third.

The Bearcats travel Friday

-NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL head coach Gene Steinmeyer reacts to his team's game play during Saturday afternoon game against Pittsburg State University. The Bearcats lost to the Gorillas 66-65.

Shooting woes continue

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

meyer said there is a bright spot offensively for the 'Cats.

Head coach Steve Lorek would have finished in the top three in the 600-yard run, but was disqualified.

Lorek said he doesn't know the reason for disqualification.

"I think we're going in the right direction," Lorek said.

"We're doing the right thing and we're really close to a lot of good things."

Northwest dropped a conference game to Pittsburg State Saturday after shooting just 30 percent as a team. With only 36.6 percent average for all conference games, the entire team is looking for ways to put more points on the scoreboard.

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meyer said there is a bright spot offensively for the 'Cats.

The one saving grace we have is all the free throws we've been shooting," Steinmeyer said.

Northwest sits at 75 percent free throw shooting on the season and has outshot its opponents behind the line by 130. Against conference foes alone, the 'Cats have attempted 73 more free throws than the second leading team, and is behind only Missouri Southern and Truman State in shooting percentage.

After facing a tough Truman State team Wednesday (score not available at press time), Northwest must face a Central Missouri team that is sitting in the middle of the MIAA. Steinmeyer said the 'Cats are

in the same position as their foe.

Williams said no matter the record of the teams they face, the 'Cats will be ready for any conference opponent.

"Our conference is so crazy now, you never know," Williams said.

"Junior Lauren Williams said, 'I wish we had the answer.'

A streak could not come at a better time. Sitting at 3-3 in the conference Wednesday, Northwest could capture back-to-back road victories with wins at Central Missouri Saturday and Emporia State, Wednesday.

The traveling will end when the team returns to Bearcat Arena for three straight home contests against Southwest Baptist on Jan.

"Not many teams win at Central, so it's going to be a real difficult chore," Steinmeyer said.

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-WRESTLING

Wrestling club eager to prove they belong

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

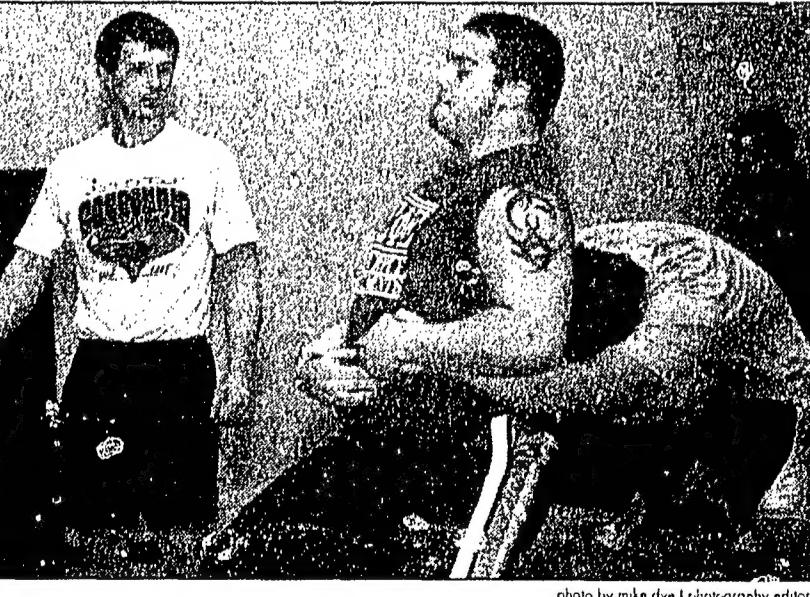
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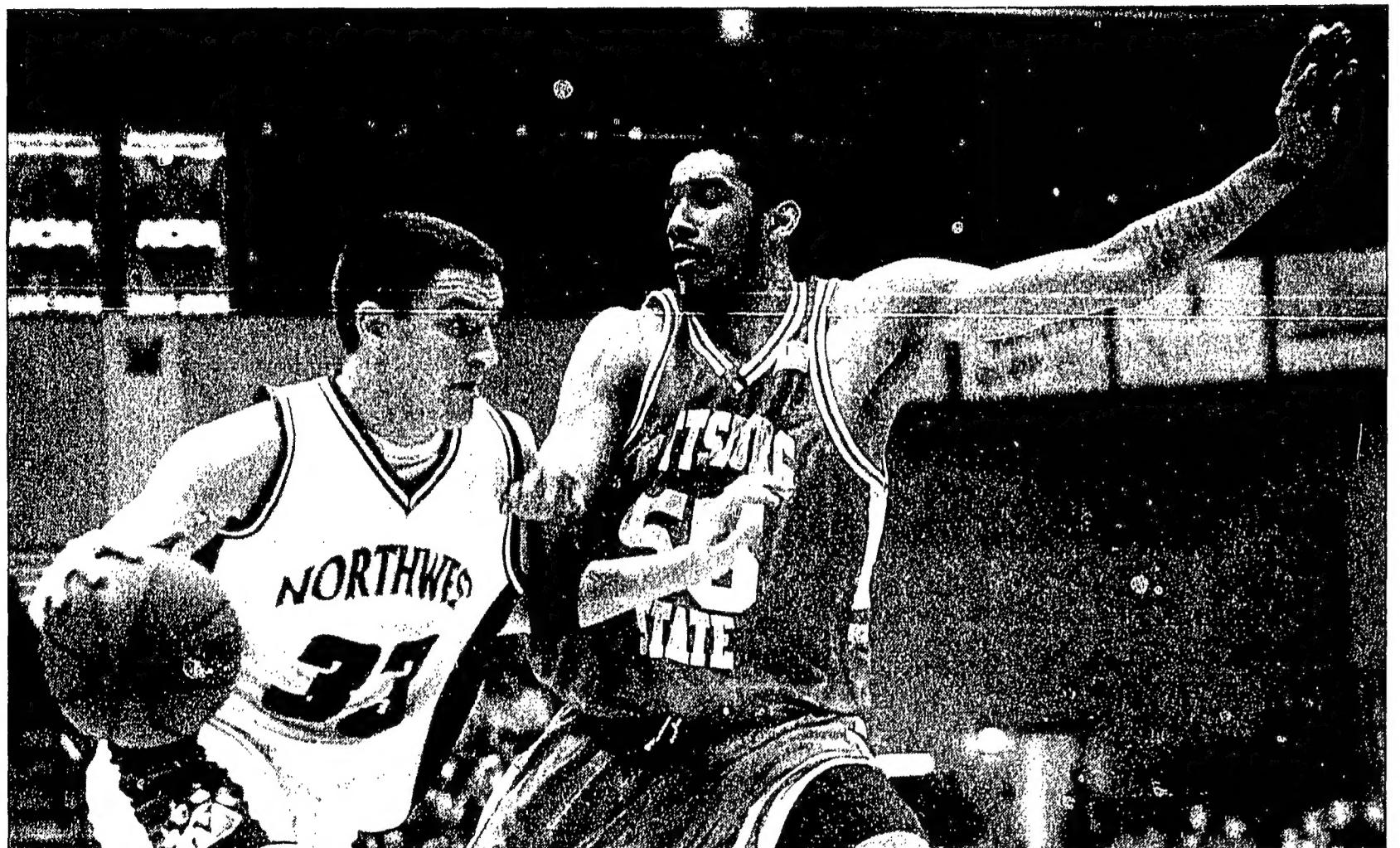
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-NW MEN'S BASKETBALL



(above) NORTHWEST GUARD Andy Peterson attempts get around Pittsburg State University guard Michael Hutchinson during Saturday afternoon's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats defeated the Gorillas 69-64. (below) NORTHWEST GUARD Lance Sullivan gets past Pittsburg State University forward Ed Morris during Saturday afternoon's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats beat the Gorillas 69-64.

MEN: Two game roadtrip to test teams' MIAA meddle

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conference implications.

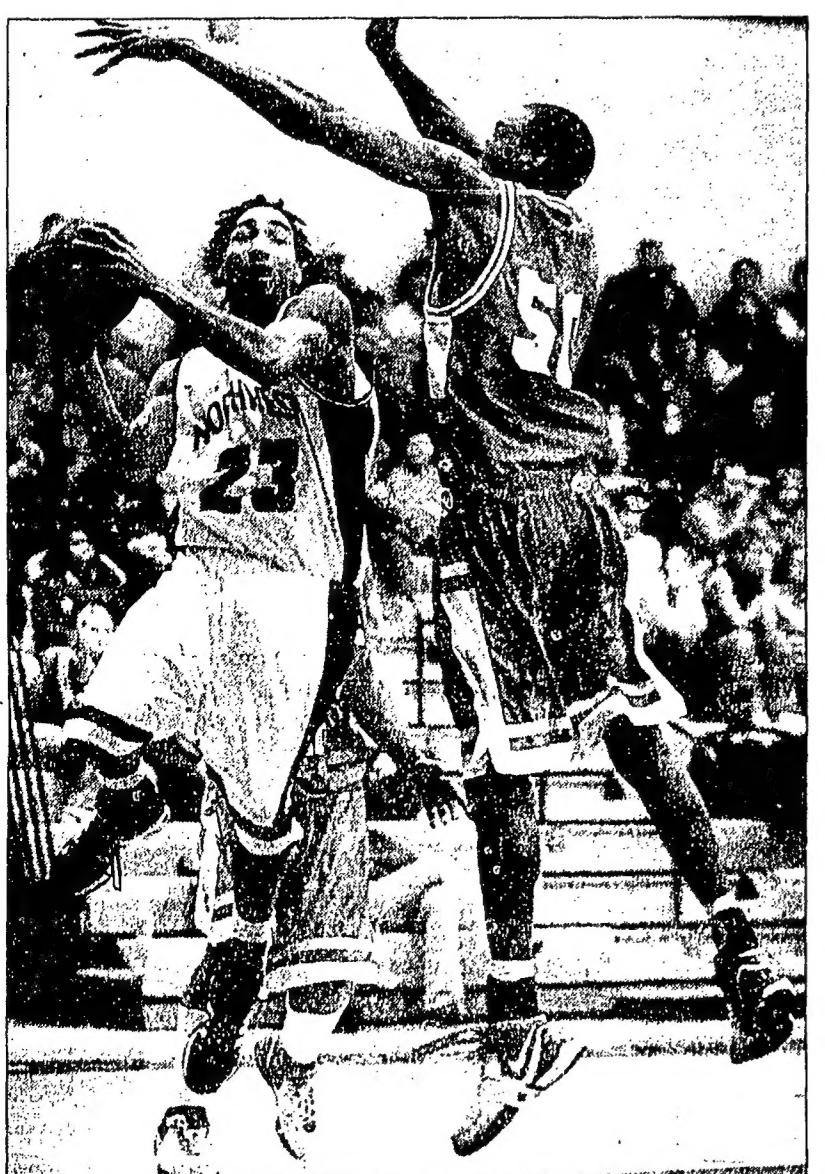
"It's obviously no gimme when they come back to your place because they've established themselves as the teams in this league to beat," Tappmeyer said.

While Northwest's defense, which has been tops in the league in scoring defense and field goal percentage defense, has pleased Tappmeyer, he said during Tuesday's practice that his team was "scoreboard watching" during Saturday's game against Pittsburg State, in which Northwest had a half-time lead for the first time in the conference season.

"We felt like during Pitt State that it (the defense) wasn't bad the whole game, it was bad whenever we're able to get a lead," Tappmeyer said. "I think when we got up 12, 14, 16 points that we were scoreboard watching. Like I told them, it's just not the points you give up, it's the momentum you give up."

While Northwest was picked fifth in the MIAA pre-season poll, Henry said this gives the team a chance to establish its identity.

"It's going to show whether or not we deserved all the pre-season rankings or not," Henry said.



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Team	MIAA record	Overall record
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Emporia State	4-1	11-3
Missouri Southern	3-2	10-3
Northwest	3-3	10-5
Southwest Baptist	2-3	10-4
Central Missouri	2-3	9-5
Pittsburg State	2-4	7-7
Fort Hays State	1-5	9-5
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Dorrel promoted to O-Coordinator

When the Northwest football team kicks off the 2007 season, Adam Dorrel will assume his usual responsibilities.

Only this time, his official title will change.

Wednesday, head coach Mel Tjeerdema promoted Dorrel to offensive coordinator after completing his third season with Northwest. Although Dorrel's title has changed, Tjeerdema will still call the plays.

Dorrel graduated from Northwest in 1997 after spending four seasons as an offensive linemen. In his senior season, Dorrel was named first team all-region and all-conference.

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"Dorrel now will have the ability to be more in charge of everything that is going on with meetings and practice organization—things that he has been doing the past couple years.

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IMPACT: Henry leading team in several categories

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7.2 rebounds (7) per game and is shooting a cool 59 percent (3) from the field.

After signing with Northwest, Henry sat out the 2004-2005 season as a redshirt. His freshman season, Henry was part of a four post rotation along with former player Austin Meyer (now a student assistant), current players Matt Witters and Vic James.

"Playing behind Austin, Matt and Vic was a good learning experience. Steve Myrick (then student assistant) really helped me out as a freshman," Henry said.

Midway through the season, Henry sprained his foot, which kept him out for two weeks. After his return, things began to change drastically for Henry.

While Henry's offensive production has been consistent, Tappmeyer said that Henry's defensive play and knowledge of the game makes him more valuable.

"He plays pretty physical. He can take charges and play good post defense and get a wide base. He also has a great feel for when to slip a screen or to rotate to an open area or where the ball is coming off the rim," Tappmeyer said. "Some of those things, you don't teach or coach. He's just kind of got that."

In the end, there is no bitterness, Henry said.

But he did say that he can't help but wonder what all of those coaches who never got back to him are thinking now.

"I don't want to have that attitude, but I mean, you can't help but think about it a little bit," Henry said. "But I'm happy where I'm at."

MARATHON: Inspiration for running came from father

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grown, that has decreased.

Hobbs is in the same situation. With a 2-year-old boy at home and one due in the next week, Hobbs will have one more responsibility.

"Things are going to get crazy," Hobbs said, laughing when thinking about his new child.

But as Hobbs' family grows, he can't help but think where his running would be without his biggest supporter.

A competitive edge

After training for months, Hobbs participated in his first marathon in Wichita. The weather was calm in the beginning, but over the course of the 26.2-mile run, a lot changed.

At mile 21, Hobbs said an awful thunderstorm poured on the runners, leading to many exits from the field.

But as Hobbs became demoralized, Giulii came into view.

"She was cheering and encouraging me, and at that point I was walking," Hobbs said. "I didn't know if I could finish, I thought I was dying."

"But she told me that I was going to finish," Michael Hobbs, about his wife's support

Giulii said she wouldn't let him quit running.

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"I had my umbrella and I noticed he was a little behind schedule," Giulii said. "I was relieved to see him and that he didn't have an injury."

After telling Giulii he couldn't make it, she jogged with him for several yards and talked him into doing the rest of the marathon.

"She was encouraging and imperative," Hobbs said. "If she would have said that this was really hard and that I could stop, then I would have stopped."

"I'm glad she didn't let me, because if I would have never finished that first marathon, then I might never had done another."

Giulii's competitive spirit comes from a swimming background. She competed in swimming all the way to college, where they met at North Texas University.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

-HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (01-18-07)

It's a combination of skill and imagination that serves you best this year. The challenge is to learn how to produce what you can visualize.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 5 — The person who assumes the most responsibility gets to make the most decisions. If you're not quite there yet, keep heading in that direction.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — Follow through on the plans you've had simmering on the back burner of your brain. Just as you knew would happen, they're just about perfect now.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — Follow through on the projects you started yesterday, and before. Don't begin anything new, especially regarding buying, selling and trading.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 9 — You're still on the job, although you appear to be relaxing in the audience. You know, although nobody else does, that you're actually pulling the answer a good five minutes ahead of you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 — Push yourself past a barrier that had you stopped before. You're stronger than you realize, when your adrenaline's pumping.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 9 — There's lots of work to do and it must all be done correctly. That said, cheefully assume that you are the person who can make it happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — Be patient with a person who's getting agitated. Listen, acknowledge and stay out of the way. Offer your suggestions tomorrow or the next day, not now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — You're discovering valuable information. You know you're on the right track. Don't waste a minute; you won't have this opportunity forever.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — You may feel guilty for having so much, when some others have so little. Don't give away what you have, help the others generate more.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — Once you get this project started it'll take off on its own. Push yourself to get things right. You can relax later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5 — As you sort through the details swirling around in your head, be confident. You have a natural talent for finding the jewels among the rubble.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 5 — Make the commitment, close the deal, join the organization. You know you will now help you achieve the success you so richly deserve.

—STROLLER

Your Man has dropped good money on some pretty pointless purchases throughout his life.

But nothing could have prepared me for the amount I've spent at the Bearcat Bookstore the past few trimesters on items I've barely used.

It makes my gorge rise when I think about all the wonderful things I could be saving my hard-earned dough for, namely the loan checks I'll be writing before too long. Instead I get to watch my money slide down the drain in exchange for overpriced lab books, unhelpful study guides and other supplemental, but required, textbooks.

Answers.

Of course, I bought this remote for a general education class, so there was no way to avoid buying it. And since only certain teachers in certain sections of certain subjects require them, you have, at best, a slim chance of running into someone already owning one.

Come April, I have the opportunity to sell my remote back to the bookstore for a staggering \$5—that's 15 percent of what I paid for it, for all you statistics fanatics out there.

Why in the world do we need them? Well, I'm happy to report that I've done some research... and still yet have to find an explanation.

Apparently, 21st century research tells us that students test better when the process emulates channel surfing or playing video games—you know, the great American pastimes. What's scary is that these remotes are predominantly found in K-12 classrooms, according to the CPS Web site. I can see it now: 5-year-olds knowing how to operate computers before they even know how to write. Hey, it's all about technology nowadays; we might as well start 'em while they're young.

The bottom line is, I don't need these CPS remotes to do well on tests. I'm not sure which studies these Northwest professors are quoting, but I know from personal experience that the old pencil and paper method works. Heck, I wouldn't be writing this now if it didn't. Do me a favor and save me the \$32. I have better things to do with my money.

And that's my final answer.

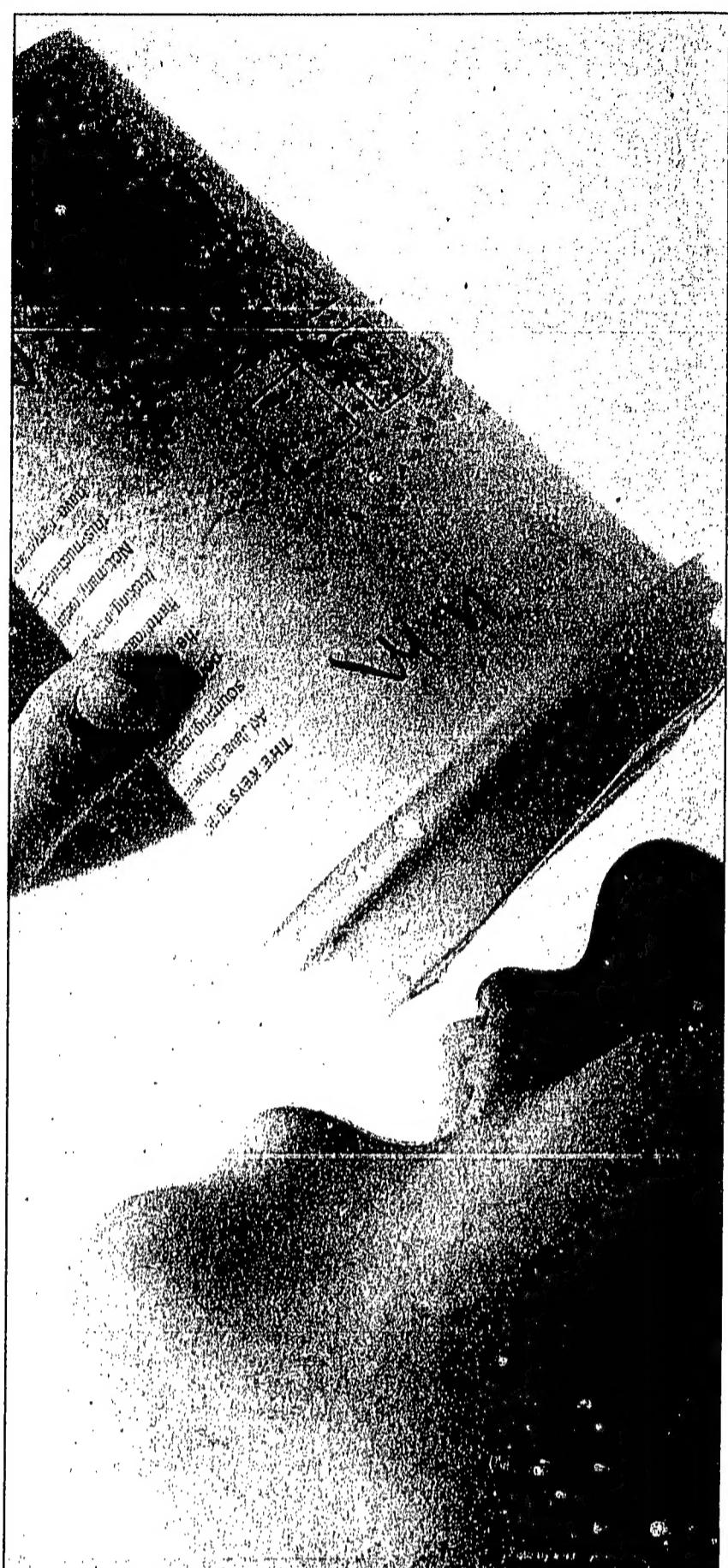
-MOVIE REVIEW

'Alpha Dog'

nothing to bark at

By James Evans

Missourian Reporter



COSTLY Cravings

Some Northwest students are finding out the hard way that nicotine and caffeine can cost them more than money

By Tara Adkins, Lindsay Jacobs
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Your eyes peak open; you roll out of bed. Before brushing your teeth you reach for the pack of Marlboro's on the coffee table.

After the first cigarette you need a little kick-start to the day so you stop for a latte.

But have you ever stopped to think that kicking those bad habits may help save your health as well as your wallet?

Caffeine, a stimulant, exists naturally in some plants such as kola nuts, tea leaves and cocoa and coffee beans, but can also be made synthetically.

Although manufacturers must include it in the list of ingredients, they are not forced to disclose how much caffeine has been added to a product, according to MayoClinic.com.

Moderate servings of caffeine a day such as 200 to 300 milligrams aren't harmful to most people, but an abundance of caffeine, more than 500 milligrams a day, can cause nervousness, anxiety, irritability, insomnia, diarrhea and headaches.

Northwest Jessica Nelson started her love for coffee last trimester. She drinks a coffee beverage at least every other day.

"Caffeine is probably like anything else, fine in moderation," Nelson said. "I'm not a true addict, but I do like my coffee."

Judy Job, a cashier at Java City in the J.W. Jones Student Union, said the business has regular costumers who come in at least once, if not twice a day.

With some costumers the employees just write the name of the costumer on the cup because they have the costumer's order memorized, Job said.

A plain brewed eight-ounce cup of coffee contains 135 milligrams of caffeine, while there are 259 milligrams in a Starbucks Coffee Grande (16-ounce), according to American Beverage Association.

"Caffeine may be addictive to college students but it's not a physical addiction, but they say they need it to get them through the day," said Ian Jackson, Northwest freshman and coffee drinker.

A 12-ounce bottle of Nestea sweetened or non-sweetened tea contains only 26 milligrams of caffeine, while there are nine milligrams in all varieties of Lipton Brisk Iced Tea.

Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain

Dew and Code Red Mountain Dew are loaded with the highest count of caffeine milligrams at 55.

If the vast amounts of caffeine bring on too many jitters, caffeine-free soda options can offer the taste of soda without the side effects. Some items include 7UP, Fanta, Sprite and Diet Sprite.

While sodas and coffee may bring the touch of energy needed in the afternoon, energy drinks offer way beyond the boost of both combined.

AMP Energy Drink's 8.4-ounce can has 75 milligrams, while SoBe No Fear 16-ounce energy drink tops the list with 158 milligrams.

Although drinks packed with caffeine can result in several health side effects, also many ignore the empty calories these drinks put on the waistline.

SoBe No Fear includes 260 calories, while Mountain Dew's 20-ounce bottle has 270 calories.

Java City's most popular drink, a 16-ounce caramel macchiato topped with whipped cream, is packed with 460 calories, which is the same as two pieces of pepperoni pizza from Pizza Hut.

Along with the health costs, these caffeine-filled drinks can be costly on the wallet.

A medium Java City caramel macchiato costs \$2.99. For a work week, the coffee addict may spend \$14.95 and

\$224.25 a trimester.

Although caffeine is addictive, smoking strikes up many cravings in some too.

Northwest student Pat O'Connor lights up Marlboro Lights 10 to 15 times a day, but said he's not addicted.

"I can quit now if I want to...if I made the conscience decision to quit," O'Connor said.

With the future in mind O'Connor is determined to quit before he graduates with an education degree.

"I couldn't go in to elementary class smelling like smoke," O'Connor said. "It's not the right thing to do."

The average cost of a pack of cigarettes in Missouri is \$3.43, according to Tobaccofreekids.org. Smoking a pack a day for a month costs approximately \$102.90 and \$1,251.95 a year. A person can save nearly \$12,519.50 in 10 years being smoke free.

Smokers spend more money for the dentist, dry cleaners, insurance and lose resale values on their cars and home, according to MSN.com.

Not only does smoking burn a hole in your wallet, but it also can lead to serious health problems.

Cigarette smoking and other tobacco forms are addictive because of the drug, nicotine. It is colorless, poisonous, found in the tobacco plant and commonly used as an insecticide, according to the American Heritage Stedman's Medical Dictionary. The

U.S. Surgeon General concluded nicotine addiction compares to cocaine or heroine addiction.

Terri Harr, health education coordinator at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, said she doesn't discourage people from trying new things in order to quit the habit. Harr gives information packets with different options for people who are trying to quit smoking.

"We know with smoking cessation a lot of people just go cold turkey, and that works," Harr said. "I tend to think to have somebody be successful with smoking cessation, I like them to arm themselves with as many tools as they can."

Within just 24 hours of quitting smoking, the chance of heart attack decreases, according to the American Lung Association. Other benefits of quitting include improvement of taste and smell, decreased risk of lung cancer and an increase in the body's overall energy.

"I tell people their commitment to quit is a reason they are going to be successful," Harr said.

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